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US Attorney Hogsett Presents Check to Henry County for \$6,352

Proceeds From Drug Arrest in 2010

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - United States Attorney Joseph H. Hogsett came to New Castle today to present an asset forfeiture check for \$6,352 to Henry County Sheriff Butch Baker and leaders of the PROACTIVE CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM (PACE). The proceeds are the fruits of hard-working highway interdiction.

In May 2010, at mile marker 131 on Interstate 70, officers stopped Anthony B. Bridges and Richard A. Brooks in a rented 2010 Jeep Compass for traffic-related offenses. When questioned about their destination and reason for the trip, Bridges and Brooks offered conflicting stories. Both occupants of the car became nervous, prompting officers to call for a drug-trained canine. The dog indicated the presence of narcotics and officers discovered 500 grams of cocaine and 100 grams of methamphetamine along with nearly \$8,000 in cash inside the vehicle. Bridges and Brooks, both from Pittsburgh, PA, are facing charges in Henry County for dealing and drug possession.

PACE is a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of members from the Henry and Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Greenfield and Richmond Police Departments. They patrol I-70 from the Ohio state line to the western edge of Hancock County.

The Drug Enforcement Administration and the Henry County Sheriff's Department agreed that 80% of the original amount seized (\$6,352) should go to Henry County and the PACE team.

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